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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles Director, Central Intelligence Agency 2430 E Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Last September I wrote to the heads of all departments and agencies regarding the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service. As Chairman of the Board, appointed by the President to advise him on the selections for the Award, I am pleased to tell you that the nominations submitted last fall for these Awards were excellent. As you know, the first five Awards were announced by the President on January 16 of this year -- the 75th Anniversary of the Civil Service Merit System. Attached is a brochure recently issued on these Awards.

I am very pleased to again send to you the instructions for submitting nominations for this honorary award which will recognize distinguished service by civilian officers and employees of the Federal government. Executive Order 10,717, which established the President's Award, provides that not more than five Awards shall be made in any one year. Nominations for the Award are to be made personally by the heads of departments and agencies. The nominations should be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board in accordance with the attached instructions. If you submit more than one nomination, your order of preference should be indicated.

This Award is the highest honor available to civilian career employees of the Federal government. To be considered for the Award this year, nominations must be received no later than October 1, 1958, by Mr. Harris Ellsworth, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, who serves as Executive Secretary of the Board. The Board will be pleased to consider your nominations for the Award.

Sincerely yours,

James P. Mitchell

Enclosures